

Hevi Hevi should take up his station at the junction of the Howa Howa and Wykaddie Rivers; a point strongly fortified by nature about four miles above the Mission Station. As soon as this was agreed upon Hevi Hevi moved with his people to his station, and began immediately to prepare for his defence against Ounoa when he should return. Both parties now dispatched messengers in all directions to collect their friends and allies. The missionaries were at this time in the utmost anxiety, as they could ^{not} conjecture as to the issue of the war.

They had received information a few days before, by the Schooner "New Zealander" which had arrived at Hokianga, that I was on my passage. On the 8th of March two days after the battle, I entered the Harbour, and in the evening anchored opposite to the Mission Station. Two boats came to meet the ^{Elizabeth} ~~boat~~, before she anchored, in which were the Rev. Henry & William Williams & Brown. I met the brethren with much satisfaction and joy. They expressed how much they were gratified that I had visited them at that particular time of danger and trial, as they were then in greater peril than at any former time. They informed me of the bloody contest that had taken place two days before on the opposite